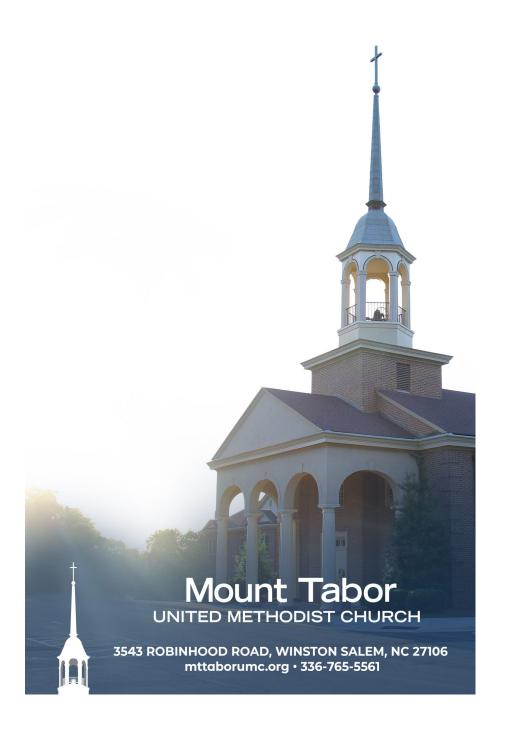
# February 25, 2024 The Wilderness of Anger



## WORSHIPING GOD AT MOUNT TABOR UMC GATHER JOYFULLY • GROW SPIRITUALLY • GO FAITHFULLY

#### Traditional Order of Worship Second Sunday in Lent - Scout Sunday Sunday, February 25, 2024 • 11:00am

Hearing enhancement devices, as well as large print bulletins, are available in the Narthex.

PreludeJust a Closer Walk With TheeFolk MelodyWelcomeCharli MillsIntroitKum Ba Yah (Come By Here)DESMOND

\* Call to Worship Susan Miller

Today we remember Jesus' journey to the cross.

He was pierced for our transgressions. He suffered and died for our iniquities.

We remember the sacrifice of our Lord with gratitude

because his death gives us life and brings redemption to the world.

Let us worship our Savior.

\* **Hymn # 288** Were You There (all verses) Were You there

\* Time of Greeting Charli Mills
Children (3 years old-5th graders) may leave to participate in TaborKIDS Worship today.

Parents will pick them up in the Children's Building immediately following the service.

Extinguishing the Lenten Wreath Susan Miller

**Choral Response** Our Soul Waits for the Lord Eric Wyse **Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** Michael Brown

Anthem A Lenten Walk Hal Hopson

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings Michael Brown

**Offertory** What Wondrous Love Is This Folk Melody

\* Doxology #95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100th

Prayer of Illumination Susan Miller

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world.

Fill our minds with your peace and our hearts with your love. Amen.

ScriptureMark 11:11-17 (RSV)John ScottMessage"The Wilderness of Anger"Michael Brown

\* Hymn #165 Hallelujah! What a Savior (all verses)

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR

\* Benediction Michael Brown

\* Response Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days LENT

\* Chiming of the Trinity

\* **Postlude** O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done Woodbury

\*Please stand in body or in spirit

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Senior Pastor: Dr. Michael B. Brown Liturgist: John Scott, Susan Miller Traditional Worship Arts Director: Charli Mills Organist/Accompanist: Mike Hendrix

### Modern Worship Sunday, February 25, 2024 9:00am

—Opening Song— Down To The River To Pray

— Welcome and Call to Worship —

— **Praise Songs** — I Thank God

Way Maker (Leeland)

— TaborKIDS Dismissal—

— Congregational & Offertory Prayer —

— Offertory —

I Love The Lord

— Message — "The Wilderness of Anger"

Scripture Mark 11:11-17 (RSV)

— Announcements & Sending Forth —

—Closing Song— In The River

#### **Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor: Dr. Michael Brown Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas Worship Host: Billie Mason Prayer Leader: Venessa Irby

This song "Down to the River to Pray", has lived for a long time. Different titles. Different words. Same soul. Claimed as Appalachian hymn and gospel song for white folks, it turns out the earliest version on record was found on page 104 of the 1867 collection "Slave Songs of the United States." Originally sung as "Down in the valley to Pray", it morphed over time to the river and was a staple for outdoor baptisms. As was often the case, it concealed a code for African American slaves seeking to escape. "Down to the river" was where they would try to get first, to throw off the scent for the howling hounds. Other verses in that song referenced the escape from slavery. "Starry crown" spoke of navigating the escape by way of the heavenly lights. "Good Lord, show me the way" was a prayer for guidance and deliverance along such routes as the Underground Railroad. Read more about the history of this song: https://fbcstpete.org/moneytalks/2020/01/31/down-to-the-river-to-pray/

"I Love The Lord", an original song composed by Modern Worship Keyboardist, Jo Daniels, prompts us to call on God and hold to his unchanging hand during challenging times.

#### WELCOME TO MOUNT TABOR UMC

Welcome to Mount Tabor and please feel at home! If you are a first-time guest, text the word "Hello" to 336-777-7990. Also stop by the Trinity Welcome Center desk or a Welcome Kiosk on your way out to receive a welcome gift. The mission of Mount Tabor UMC is to "Gather Joyfully, Grow Spiritually, Go Faithfully to spread the love of Christ." If you would like to explore ways to Gather, Grow, Go, text "Connect" to 336-777-7990. Prayer requests can be submitted at www.mttaborumc.org/prayer or by contacting Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation Kim Harvey (336-765-5561 ext. 1021 or kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org).

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Nursery care and Mother's Room are available for all services. Children interested in participating in TaborKIDS worship may leave the service at the appropriate time. Wheelchairs are available for use while on church property and the church offices are open Mon.-Fri., 9am-NOON and Mon.-Thurs., 1-4pm See the church website at www.mttaborumc.org for more info.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit announcement info at least two weeks in advance to charity.goff@mttaborumc.org.

#### **GATHER JOYFULLY**

\* You can worship at MTUMC on Sundays at: Modern, 9:00am, in the Alspaugh Worship Center, or Traditional, 11:00am, in the Sanctuary. Both services are also available via Facebook Live and https://www.You Tube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming.

#### **GROW SPIRITUALLY & GO FAITHFULLY**

- \* Wednesday Tabor Table Fellowship Dinner will meet Wed., February 28, 5:15-6:30pm in the Family Life Center with reservations made either at https://www.mttaborumc.org/tabor-table or in the Trinity Welcome Center. Suggested donation is \$8 for adult (age 13 and up), \$5 for child (age 3-12), free for children under 3. For those living in same home, family max is \$25. The menu is: Chicken and Rice Casserole, Vegetables, Rolls, Desserts and Drinks. Kids Option: Pancakes.
- \* Today is Scout Sunday and you can place your non-perishable food donations in the collection box located at the Outreach Table.
- \* The March/April issue of The Upper Rooms are here. You can find copies in the Narthex, Welcome Center, and in the Church Office.
- \* Everyone is invited to join Pastor Michael as he leads teaching sessions on the Gospel of Mark on Feb. 28 and March 20 at 6:15-7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. (If you are attending Tabor Table, you are welcome to bring your meal to the session).
- \* Mount Tabor's Weekday Preschool registration has begun! We'd love to see more of our TaborKIDS during the week! Open enrollment is now open for church members to register for preschool. For more information, call the Preschool (336-760-2326) or visit their website mttaborumcpreschool.org.
- \* Wednesday Women's Bible Study is participating in the church-wide study of "The Gospel of Mark" on Wednesdays at 9:30 am, in person in the Fellowship Hall, and also via Zoom, now through March 27. There is nothing to purchase. Study booklets with a daily reading plan are provided and can also be found in the welcome center, narthex of the sanctuary, on the website, and in the church office. Please feel free to join at any time and invite a friend. For questions or to receive the Zoom link, please contact Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation, Kim Harvey at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org.
- \* Easter Plant Orders are now being accepted on the church website, www.mttaborumc.org/event/2024-easter-plant-order. For \$12 each, you may buy your choice of a white Easter lily, 6-inch yellow mum or 6-inch

salmon geranium plant in memory or honor of a loved one to help decorate the Mount Tabor UMC Sanctuary or Alspaugh Worship Center on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. Please remember to memo EASTER PLANT on all payments. If paying online, also select "Special Contribution" in the FUND drop-down menu. **Order deadline is TODAY ,Sun., February 25, 2024**.

- Mount Tabor UMC is hiring a Coordinator of Family Ministries Worship Arts. The role of the Coordinator is to provide vision, direction, organization and promotion of Worship Arts for children and youth. The position will be working with and coordinating all forms of Worship Arts such as choral music, handbells/chimes, liturgical dance, orchestra and spoken word. The Coordinator will lead some ensembles and recruit volunteers to lead others. This position will offer opportunities for children and youth to take a leadership role in contemporary and traditional worship settings. This is a part time 15 hour per week salaried position and reports to the Director of Children and Family Ministries. APPLICATION PROCESS AND PROCEDURES -Full job description, details for posting and a Mount Tabor Job Application are located at: https://www.mttaborumc.org/employment-opportunities. The job application can be downloaded, completed, and saved as an attachment for email. A copy of your resume is also required. Email attachments should include first and last name in any file name you create. Email Application Package (completed application and resume) to: jobs@mttaborumc.org Application Packages are now being accepted and the posting period will end on February 29, 2024.
- \* All are invited to a free concert -- "Stretto and Soar" -- on March 10 at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary. Cellist Grace Anderson and pianist Dmitri Shteinberg will present J.S. Bach's Cello Suite No. 6 in D major and Johannes Brahms' Sonata No. 1 for Cello and Piano in E minor.
- \* All women are invited to attend a Women's Retreat on April 26-28 at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro. The theme will be, "Lean In, Lighten Up, and Let Go" with speaker, Rev. Dianne Lawhorn. Don't miss the Early Bird Special!! Register and pay by February 25 for a \$25 per person discount! (\$216/person, includes 5 meals, double occupancy room for 2 nights, and all materials) Registration Feb. 26-April 12 is \$241/person, and includes 5 meals, double occupancy room for 2 nights, and all materials. Spaces are limited so register early! (payment due with registration) Registration forms can be found in the Connect Corner of the Welcome Center, in the church office, and on the website. Questions? Contact Kim Harvey, Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org or 336-765-5561 ext 1021
- \* The Ryan Shoaf Memorial Summer Grant which was established in May 2022 to celebrate Ryan's life and encourage MTUMC youth to participate in summer activities that brought him joy. Presented annually, the grant is open to all 6th-12th grade youth who plan to participate in a summer opportunity such as a music or art school, scouting camp, or foreign travel experience. Applications are available on the church website at https://www.mttaborumc.org//event/ryan-shoaf-memorial-summer-grant. Please complete the application online, save it, and email the application to charity.goff@mttaborumc.org or print and place the completed application in the designated box in the church office by 5:00pm on Sun., March 3, 2024.
- \* All the men of Mount Tabor UMC are invited to join us for breakfast on the first Sunday of each month March 3 at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome and reservations are not needed.
- \* The Traditional Service is in urgent need of volunteers to help with both sound and online streaming graphics for the Sunday morning service.

  Training is available! The livestreams are an important part of the ministries here at Mount Tabor, as they allow those who cannot attend worship in person to participate. Please contact charli.mills@mttaborumc.org if you have any questions.

#### Mount Tabor at a Glance — Church Calendar

Real-time calendar is available at TinyUrl.com/MTUMC-calendar



#### Sunday, February 25, 2024

9:00 AM Modern Worship Service-Scout Sunday— Alspaugh 10:00 AM Children, Tween, Youth, & Adult Sunday School Classes

11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service-Scout Sunday— Sanctuary

4:00 PM Disciple I Bible Study—Room 207

4:00 PM Liturgical Dance Practice—Alspaugh Worship Center

5:00 PM Fusion Youth Main Event—Rm 113

#### Monday, February 26, 2024

8:00 AM Bulletin & In The Know Submission Deadline

9:00 AM Church Business Admin Meeting—Room 207

10:00 AM Staff Prayer Time — Rm 303

11:00 AM TaborWOMEN Circle 7 Meeting — Fellowship Hall

12:00 PM Nar-Anon Family Support Group— Rm 108

7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 934 Meeting — Rm 113

7:00 PM Men's Basketball— Family Life Center

7:00 PM Women's Alcoholics Anonymous — Rm 102

#### Tuesday, February 27, 2024

10:00 AM Worship Planning Meeting — Room 207

6:30 PM Pack 934 Den Meetings — Family Life Center

6:30 PM Pack 934 Pack Meetings— Alspaugh Worship Center

#### Wednesday, February 28, 2024

6:50 AM Fusion Youth Prayer Breakfast — BISCUITVILLE

9:30 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study — Fellowship Hall

3:30 PM GriefShare — Rm 101

5:15 PM Tabor Table Fellowship Meal — Family Life Center

6:15 PM The Gospel of Mark with Pastor Michael Brown —

Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM DivorceCare — Rm 108

6:45 PM Adult Volleyball Game — Family Life Center

7:00 PM MTUMC Delivers to Bethesda Center

#### Thursday, February 29, 2024

7:30 AM Band of Brothers In-person and via Zoom — Rm 306

12:00 PM Band of Brothers — Foothills @ 4th Street

6:00 PM B.E.L.L.S. Rehearsal — Music/Choir Room

6:30 PM Modern Worship Band Rehearsal — Alspaugh

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal — Music/Choir Room

#### Friday, March 1, 2024

5:00 PM Youth Spring Retreat

#### Saturday, March 2, 2024

9:00 AM Pickle Ball — Family Life Center

#### Our Response to God's Grace...

BUDGET PLEDGES FOR 2024 as of February 7, 2024

# Pledges: 200 for Pledge Total of \$968,594.00 February 18, 2024 ATTENDANCE

Online Worship 182 In-person Worship 475

February 18, 2024 GIVING

Budget Needs Each Week \$31,382.00
Budget Gifts \$28,746.47

Building Fund \$325.00 Fusion Mission Trip \$943.00 Unrestricted Memorials \$175.00 Bethesda \$200.00

Other \$2,509.94 Total \$32,899.41 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LOAN PRINCIPAL

January 1, 2018 Balance \$2,440,522.29

Year-To-Date Loan Balance \$141,711.22 as of February 12, 2024









# WORSHIP SCRIPTURE Sunday, February 25, 2024

#### "The Wilderness of Anger Mark 11:11-17 (RSV)

<sup>11</sup> And he entered Jerusalem, and went into the temple; and when he had looked round at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. 12 On the following day. when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. 13 And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it. <sup>15</sup> And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons; <sup>16</sup> and he would not allow any one to carry anything through the temple. <sup>17</sup> And he taught, and said to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations? But you have made it a den of robbers."

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